

BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC)
MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2006

Present: Anne Cates, Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Michelle McCook, Robert Kirschbaum

Meeting called to order by chair Vernell Everett. Motion to approve minutes by Roger Gordon, second by Anne Cates. Minutes approved. Mr. Everett updated members on his upcoming meeting with Mr. Decocq. He informed the board that due to the Sunshine Law only one member of the BGMAC might attend the meeting with Mr. Decocq. Mr. Everett also stated that he wanted the board to work on developing a draft of questions and answers on the incorporation process. Mr. Gordon suggested that the draft should be developed from questions from prior Q & A on incorporation. He also stated that the purpose of the Q&A is to develop dialog within our community on what incorporation would mean to our neighborhood.

In reference to the State Revenue Sharing for 2006-2007 handouts, Ms. Cates said she needed clarification on what part of the one penny Gas Tax would Biscayne Gardens receive if we were to incorporate. She also noted that if Biscayne Gardens remained with unincorporated Miami-Dade County then the tax would be added to the County's general fund.

Mr. Robert Kirschbaum stated that the moratorium on incorporation is in place in order to keep unincorporated Dade County whole. The County gave remaining unincorporated Dade the OK to incorporate but they must agree to pay mitigation fee. The fee was intended to pay for cost of police and specialized services in the remaining unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County. Funds collected from the fee supplement police fund for operation expense in the police department. A trust fund was created and Mr. Kirschbaum collects and deposits funds to an account, which totals approximately one million. Funds from annexation are deposited in separate account.

Mr. Gordon noted that it may take longer to complete the proforma budget, but the final budget will be substantially higher by approximately one million. He also noted that the ad valorem tax roll has double in Biscayne Gardens.

Ms. Cates stated that the City of Miami Gardens was a recipient community and was 19 million dollars in the red when they incorporated. She noted that the 19 million is money the County no longer has to pay for service in Miami Gardens and supposedly, those funds return to the County's general fund.

Board members reviewed and selected questions for Q & A.

Meeting adjourned.